

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing content ~~particularized credit~~ to a user in an electronic content distribution system that implements a network, the method comprising:

receiving through the network an identifier for a given read only optical storage medium containing particular content~~through the network, the identifier indicating that the given read only optical storage medium contains a particular content;~~ and

~~providing a particular credit to the user based upon receipt of the identifier, wherein;~~ and

-in response to receiving the identifier through the network upon the redemption of the particular credit, sending to the user content related to the particular content ~~is received through~~ from the electronic content distribution system through the network.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular content and the related content includes a musical work.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular content and the related content includes a musical compilation comprising a plurality of musical works.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is a digital fingerprint that identifies the ~~given read only optical storage medium~~.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~given read only optical~~ storage medium is a compact disc.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the network is an Internet.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the particular content and the related content includes a musical work.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the particular content and the related content includes a musical compilation comprising a plurality of musical works.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic content distribution system downloads the musical work to the user ~~pursuant to a transaction including a redemption of the particular credit by the user.~~

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic content distribution system streams the musical work to the user ~~pursuant to a transaction including the redemption of the particular credit by the user.~~

11. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing particularized credit to a user in an electronic content distribution system that implements a network, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving an identifier for a ~~given read only optical~~ storage medium containing content through the network, the identifier identifying the storage medium ~~indicating that the given read only optical storage medium contains a particular content;~~ and

means for providing a particular credit to the user based upon receipt of the identifier, wherein upon receiving redemption of the particular credit through the network, sending a copy of~~is usable for receiving~~ the particular content ~~through~~from the electronic content distribution system through the network.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the identifier is calculated from information stored on the~~a digital fingerprint that identifies the given read only optical storage medium~~.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the storage medium is a given read only optical storage medium~~is a compact disc~~.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the particular content includes a musical work.

15. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the particular content includes a musical compilation comprising a plurality of musical works.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the electronic content distribution system downloads the musical work to the user through an Internet connection pursuant to a transaction including a redemption of the particular credit by the user.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the electronic content distribution system streams the musical work to the user through an Internet connection pursuant to a transaction including a redemption of the particular credit by the user.

18. (currently amended) A system for providing particularized credit to a user in an electronic content distribution system that implements a network, the system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, in operative communication with the processor, that stores instructions that are executed by the processor to effectuate

receiving an identifier for a ~~given read only optical~~ storage medium through the network, the identifier ~~indicating~~ identifying the storage medium, the storage medium further containing that the given read only optical storage medium contains a particular content, and

providing a particular credit to the user based upon receipt of the identifier, wherein upon receiving redemption of the particular credit through the network, sending a copy of ~~is usable for receiving the particular content through from~~ the electronic content distribution system through the network.

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the identifier is a digital fingerprint that identifies the ~~given read only optical~~ storage medium.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the ~~given read only optical~~ storage medium is a compact disc.

21. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the particular content includes a musical work.

22. (original) The system of claim 20, wherein the particular content includes a musical compilation comprising a plurality of musical works.

23. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the electronic content distribution system downloads the musical work to the user through an Internet connection pursuant to a transaction including a redemption of the particular credit by the user.

24. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the electronic content distribution system streams the musical work to the user through an Internet connection pursuant to a transaction including a redemption of the particular credit by the user.

25-51 (cancelled)

52. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is extracted from information contained on the storage medium.

53. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the information includes the particular content on the storage medium.

54. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the information includes an identifier stored on the storage medium.

55. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a portion of a table of contents of the storage medium.

56. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a sample of the disc data of the storage medium.

57. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing to the user a credit representing a discount towards the purchase of a copy of the particular content or the related content.

58. (new) The method of claim 57, further comprising sending to the user a copy of the particular content or the related content through the network, upon redemption of the credit.

59. (new) The method of claim 57, wherein the credit is based on the received identifier.

60. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein the content is downloaded to the user from the content distribution system through the network.

61. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein the content is streamed to the user from the content distribution system through the network.

62. (new) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the identifier is extracted from information contained on the storage medium.

63. (new) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the information includes the particular content on the storage medium.

64. (new) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the information includes an identifier stored on the storage medium.

65. (new) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a portion of a table of contents of the storage medium.

66. (new) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a sample of the disc data of the storage medium.

67. (new) The system of claim 18, wherein the identifier is extracted from information contained on the storage medium.

68. (new) The system of claim 67, wherein the information includes the particular content on the storage medium.

69. (new) The system of claim 67, wherein the information includes an identifier stored on the storage medium.

70. (new) The system of claim 67, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a portion of a table of contents of the storage medium.

71. (new) The system of claim 67, wherein the identifier includes a digital fingerprint based on at least a sample of the disc data of the storage medium.